

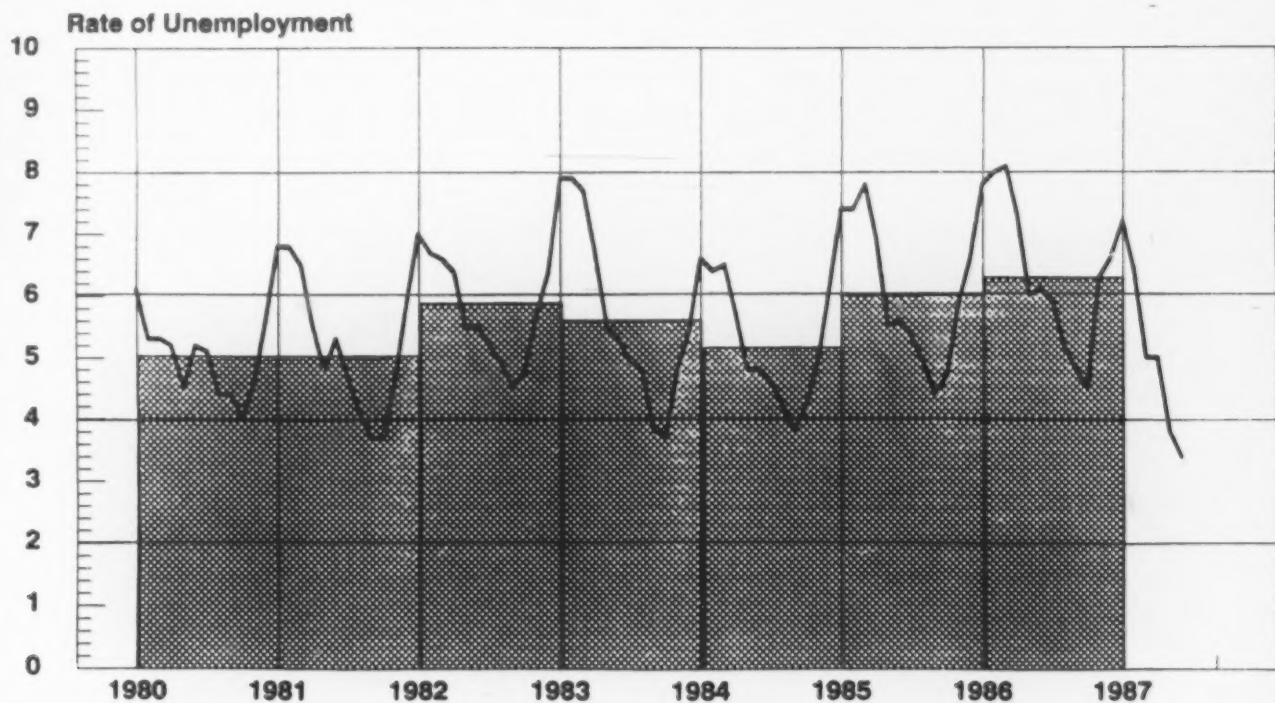
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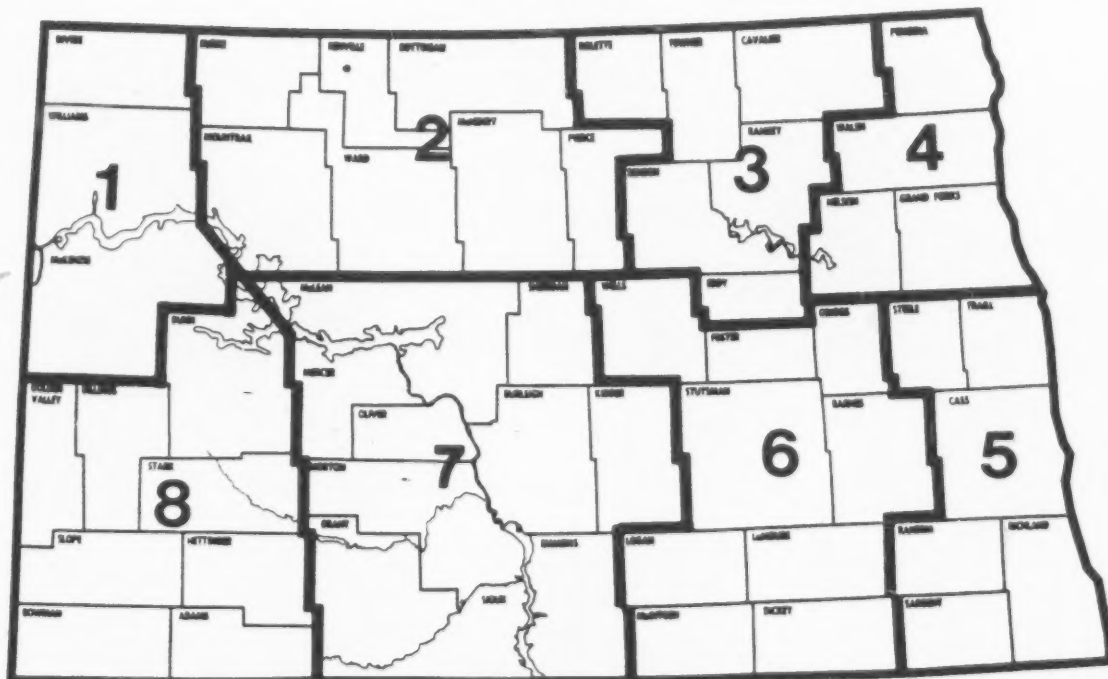
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- Educational Training Sites
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- North Dakota Outlook
- Related Military Occupations
- Earnings
- Hiring Practices

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Rounded to Hundreds)

	CURRENT MONTH =====	PREVIOUS MONTH =====	ONE YEAR AGO =====	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH =====	LAST YEAR =====
I N D U S T R I E S =====	SEPT 1987	AUG 1987	SEPT 1986	AUG 1987	SEPT 1986
TOTAL	253,800	251,000	252,300	1.1%	0.6%
MINING	4,200	4,200	4,400	0.0%	-4.5%
COAL	1,100	1,100	1,200	0.0%	-8.3%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,600	2,500	2,700	4.0%	-3.7%
OTHER MINING	500	600	500	-16.7%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	12,800	13,200	13,500	-3.0%	-5.2%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	3,300	3,500	3,700	-5.7%	-10.8%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	3,600	3,700	4,100	-2.7%	-12.2%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,900	6,000	5,700	-1.7%	3.5%
MANUFACTURING	16,200	15,700	15,800	3.2%	2.5%
DURABLE GOODS	6,800	6,900	6,300	-1.4%	7.9%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	800	900	900	-11.1%	-11.1%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	800	800	700	0.0%	14.3%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	4,000	4,000	3,600	0.0%	11.1%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,200	1,200	1,100	0.0%	9.1%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,400	8,800	9,500	6.8%	-1.1%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,600	4,100	4,800	12.2%	-4.2%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,700	1,200	1,900	41.7%	-10.5%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	400	400	400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,400	2,300	2,300	4.3%	4.3%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,300	16,200	16,000	0.6%	1.9%
TRANSPORTATION	8,300	8,100	7,900	2.5%	5.1%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	5,000	4,900	4,500	2.0%	11.1%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,300	3,200	3,400	3.1%	-2.9%
COMMUNICATION	3,200	3,200	3,300	0.0%	-3.0%
UTILITIES	4,800	4,900	4,800	-2.0%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

	CURRENT MONTH =====	PREVIOUS MONTH =====	ONE YEAR AGO =====	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH =====	LAST YEAR =====
I N D U S T R I E S =====	SEPT 1987	AUG 1987	SEPT 1986	AUG 1987	SEPT 1986
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,100	19,400	19,400	-1.5%	-1.5%
DURABLE GOODS	9,000	9,200	9,100	-2.2%	-1.1%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,100	10,200	10,300	-1.0%	-1.9%
RETAIL TRADE	48,400	48,500	47,900	-0.2%	1.0%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,300	6,300	6,100	0.0%	3.3%
FOOD STORES	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	0.0%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,700	6,700	6,600	0.0%	1.5%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER RETAIL	26,100	26,200	25,900	-0.4%	0.8%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,700	12,700	12,500	0.0%	1.6%
FINANCE	6,900	6,900	6,800	0.0%	1.5%
BANKING	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FINANCE	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
INSURANCE	3,900	3,900	3,800	0.0%	2.6%
REAL ESTATE	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	60,900	60,800	59,800	0.2%	1.8%
LODGING	4,300	4,200	4,300	2.4%	0.0%
HEALTH SERVICES	26,200	26,400	25,400	-0.8%	3.1%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,300	19,400	18,800	-0.5%	2.7%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	6,900	7,000	6,600	-1.4%	4.5%
OTHER SERVICES	30,400	30,200	30,100	0.7%	1.0%
GOVERNMENT	63,200	60,300	63,000	4.8%	0.3%
FEDERAL	10,200	10,200	10,000	0.0%	2.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	18,400	17,300	18,700	6.4%	-1.6%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	11,200	10,000	11,600	12.0%	-3.4%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,200	7,300	7,100	-1.4%	1.4%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	34,600	32,800	34,300	5.5%	0.9%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	16,300	13,200	16,100	23.5%	1.2%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,300	19,600	18,200	-6.6%	0.5%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

I N D U S T R I E S =====	CURRENT MONTH =====	PREVIOUS MONTH =====	ONE YEAR AGO =====	CHANGE FROM:	
				LAST MONTH =====	LAST YEAR =====
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA =====	SEPT 1987	AUG 1987	SEPT 1986	AUG 1987	SEPT 1986
TOTAL	70,300	68,500	68,900	2.6%	2.0%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	4,000	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	5,200	5,000	5,000	4.0%	4.0%
DURABLE GOODS	2,200	2,300	1,900	-4.3%	15.8%
NONDURABLE GOODS	3,000	2,700	3,100	11.1%	-3.2%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,400	4,200	4,300	4.8%	2.3%
TRADE	21,100	20,800	20,500	1.4%	2.9%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,400	6,400	6,400	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	14,700	14,400	14,100	2.1%	4.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,500	4,500	4,300	0.0%	4.7%
SERVICES	18,200	18,300	17,600	-0.5%	3.4%
GOVERNMENT	12,900	11,600	13,200	11.2%	-2.3%
FEDERAL	2,200	2,200	2,100	0.0%	4.8%
STATE & LOCAL	10,700	9,400	11,100	13.8%	-3.6%
GRAND FORKS MSA =====					
TOTAL	29,300	28,200	28,600	3.9%	2.4%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	2,000	2,100	2,000	-4.8%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,200	1,500	33.3%	6.7%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,400	1,300	1,500	7.7%	-6.7%
TRADE	8,300	8,100	8,100	2.5%	2.5%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	6,900	6,700	6,700	3.0%	3.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,200	1,100	0.0%	9.1%
SERVICES	6,500	6,400	6,300	1.6%	3.2%
GOVERNMENT	8,300	7,900	8,100	5.1%	2.5%
BISMARCK MSA =====					
TOTAL	37,000	36,900	36,600	0.3%	1.1%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,800	1,900	1,800	-5.3%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	0.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	9,900	9,900	9,600	0.0%	3.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,700	7,700	7,400	0.0%	4.1%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,600	1,700	0.0%	-5.9%
SERVICES	10,400	10,400	10,400	0.0%	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,400	8,200	8,200	2.4%	2.4%

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept 1987	Aug 1987	Sept 1986	Sept 1987	Aug 1987	Sept 1986	Sept 1987	Aug 1987	Sept 1986
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	406.81	403.27	398.93	40.6	40.9	41.0	10.02	9.86	9.73
Durable Goods	431.73	429.93	428.06	41.0	41.3	41.6	10.53	10.41	10.29
Nondurable Goods	373.73	368.04	359.30	40.1	40.4	40.1	9.32	9.11	8.96
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	330.03	327.33	312.80	38.6	38.6	38.1	8.55	8.48	8.21
Durable Goods	353.76	346.23	332.42	40.2	40.4	39.2	8.80	8.57	8.48
Nondurable Goods	313.13	312.85	298.03	37.5	37.2	37.3	8.35	8.41	7.99
Food & Kindred	323.47	318.94	315.71	38.1	37.0	37.9	8.49	8.62	8.33
Printing and Publishing	266.27	264.70	276.36	31.4	31.4	32.9	8.48	8.43	8.40
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	327.73	321.10	309.40	37.8	38.0	36.4	8.67	8.45	8.50
Durable Goods	345.93	327.10	293.94	39.4	39.6	35.5	8.78	8.26	8.28
Nondurable Goods	314.03	316.72	320.05	36.6	36.7	37.0	8.58	8.63	8.65

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1986	Sept 1987	Aug 1987	Sept 1986	Percent Change From	
					Aug 1987	Sept 1986
All Items	328.4	344.4	342.7	330.2	0.5%	4.3%
Food & Beverage	311.8	326.4	325.4	315.1	0.3%	3.6%
Housing	360.2	375.4	374.9	363.7	0.1%	3.2%
Apparel & Upkeep	207.8	222.2	214.7	212.1	3.5%	4.8%
Transportation	307.5	320.4	320.2	302.2	0.1%	6.0%
Medical Care	433.5	467.8	466.1	439.7	0.4%	6.4%
Entertainment	274.1	285.2	283.9	275.3	0.5%	3.6%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1986	Sept 1987	Aug 1987	Sept 1986	Percent Change From	
					Aug 1987	Sept 1986
All Commodities	299.8	310.4	310.5	297.5	0.0%	4.3%
Farm Products & Processed Food and Feeds	252.0	260.0	258.6	254.0	0.5%	2.4%
Industrial Commodities	312.1	323.3	323.8	308.7	-0.2%	4.7%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Sept '87	Aug '87	Sept '86	Sept '87	Aug '87	Sept '86	9/87	8/87	9/86	9/87	8/87	9/86
Divide	1,638	1,803	1,698	1,583	1,764	1,631	55	39	67	3.4%	2.2%	3.9%
McKenzie	2,981	3,207	3,614	2,861	3,081	3,377	120	126	237	4.0%	3.9%	6.6%
Williams	10,545	11,067	13,147	9,823	10,425	11,494	722	642	1,653	6.8%	5.8%	12.6%
REGION 1	15,164	16,077	18,459	14,267	15,270	16,502	897	807	1,957	5.9%	5.0%	10.6%
Bottineau	3,860	4,071	4,001	3,714	3,915	3,785	146	156	216	3.8%	3.8%	5.4%
Burke	1,505	1,625	1,714	1,426	1,529	1,592	79	96	122	5.2%	5.9%	7.1%
McHenry	3,050	3,345	3,395	2,872	3,130	3,124	178	215	271	5.8%	6.4%	8.0%
Mountrail	3,535	3,775	3,882	3,339	3,537	3,563	196	238	319	5.5%	6.3%	8.2%
Pierce	2,686	2,946	2,732	2,603	2,876	2,651	83	70	81	3.1%	2.4%	3.0%
Renville	1,417	1,560	1,682	1,357	1,505	1,556	60	55	126	4.2%	3.5%	7.5%
Ward	24,966	25,871	26,368	24,040	24,855	25,032	926	1,016	1,336	3.7%	3.9%	5.1%
REGION 2	41,019	43,193	43,774	39,351	41,347	41,303	1,668	1,846	2,471	4.1%	4.3%	5.6%
Benson	3,412	3,800	3,640	3,217	3,527	3,448	195	273	192	5.7%	7.2%	5.3%
Cavalier	2,880	3,152	2,888	2,808	3,046	2,803	72	106	85	2.5%	3.4%	2.9%
Eddy	1,525	1,738	1,722	1,458	1,612	1,649	67	126	73	4.4%	7.2%	4.2%
Ramsey	6,571	7,023	6,475	6,362	6,779	6,277	209	244	198	3.2%	3.5%	3.1%
Rolette	4,921	5,170	5,516	4,398	4,503	4,956	523	667	560	10.6%	12.9%	10.2%
Towner	1,948	2,067	1,927	1,931	2,023	1,898	17	44	29	0.9%	2.1%	1.5%
REGION 3	21,257	22,950	22,168	20,174	21,490	21,031	1,083	1,460	1,137	5.1%	6.4%	5.1%
Grand Forks	34,757	35,039	33,063	33,833	33,628	32,204	924	1,411	859	2.7%	4.0%	2.6%
Nelson	2,195	2,359	2,280	2,144	2,289	2,226	51	70	54	2.3%	3.0%	2.4%
Pembina	5,605	5,789	5,794	5,350	5,478	5,497	255	311	297	4.5%	5.4%	5.1%
Walsh	8,597	8,933	8,663	8,352	8,594	8,399	245	339	264	2.8%	3.8%	3.0%
REGION 4	51,154	52,120	49,800	49,679	49,989	48,326	1,475	2,131	1,474	2.9%	4.1%	3.0%
Cass	56,939	57,011	54,396	55,560	55,543	52,712	1,379	1,468	1,684	2.4%	2.6%	3.1%
Ransom	2,927	3,170	2,917	2,831	3,095	2,872	96	75	45	3.3%	2.4%	1.5%
Richland	9,038	9,391	9,374	8,755	9,052	9,066	283	339	308	3.1%	3.6%	3.3%
Sargent	2,653	2,906	2,745	2,585	2,840	2,647	68	66	98	2.6%	2.3%	3.6%
Steele	1,361	1,541	1,370	1,328	1,507	1,333	33	34	37	2.4%	2.2%	2.7%
Traill	5,055	5,128	4,969	4,860	4,887	4,844	195	241	125	3.9%	4.7%	2.5%
REGION 5	77,973	79,147	75,771	75,919	76,924	73,474	2,054	2,223	2,297	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

LABOR FORCE

EMPLOYMENT

UNEMPLOYMENT

RATE

	Sept 1987	Aug 1987	Sept 1986	Sept 1987	Aug 1987	Sept 1986	Sept 1987	Aug 1987	Sept 1986	Sept 1987	Aug 1987	Sept 1986
Barnes	6,366	6,682	6,884	6,258	6,525	6,707	108	157	177	1.7%	2.3%	2.6%
Dickey	3,569	3,885	3,847	3,476	3,779	3,776	93	106	71	2.6%	2.7%	1.8%
Foster	2,248	2,403	2,572	2,184	2,340	2,462	64	63	110	2.8%	2.6%	4.3%
Griggs	1,675	1,875	1,876	1,664	1,836	1,841	11	39	35	0.7%	2.1%	1.9%
La Moure	2,735	2,993	2,784	2,699	2,936	2,722	36	57	62	1.3%	1.9%	2.2%
Logan	1,677	1,868	1,819	1,663	1,853	1,748	14	15	71	0.8%	0.8%	3.9%
McIntosh	2,428	2,729	2,580	2,378	2,693	2,506	50	36	74	2.1%	1.3%	2.9%
Stutsman	12,312	13,034	12,486	12,024	12,669	11,966	288	365	520	2.3%	2.8%	4.2%
Wells	3,070	3,358	3,166	2,974	3,226	3,051	96	132	115	3.1%	3.9%	3.6%
REGION 6	36,080	38,827	38,014	35,320	37,857	36,779	760	970	1,235	2.1%	2.5%	3.2%
Burleigh	31,964	33,096	33,387	30,821	32,028	31,649	1,143	1,068	1,738	3.6%	3.2%	5.2%
Emmons	2,447	2,782	2,693	2,388	2,696	2,565	59	86	128	2.4%	3.1%	4.8%
Grant	2,295	2,642	2,343	2,194	2,537	2,234	101	105	109	4.4%	4.0%	4.7%
Kidder	1,788	2,020	1,852	1,720	1,931	1,730	68	89	122	3.8%	4.4%	6.6%
McLean	4,987	5,209	4,790	4,765	4,983	4,462	222	226	328	4.5%	4.3%	6.8%
Mercer	5,620	5,946	5,737	5,346	5,625	5,252	274	321	485	4.9%	5.4%	8.5%
Morton	11,851	12,345	12,482	11,473	11,923	11,781	378	422	701	3.2%	3.4%	5.6%
Oliver	1,151	1,284	1,565	1,113	1,227	1,489	38	57	76	3.3%	4.4%	4.9%
Sheridan	1,374	1,609	1,484	1,336	1,558	1,426	38	51	58	2.8%	3.2%	3.9%
Sioux	1,425	1,479	1,525	1,283	1,289	1,405	142	190	120	10.0%	12.8%	7.9%
REGION 7	64,902	68,412	67,858	62,439	65,797	63,993	2,463	2,615	3,865	3.8%	3.8%	5.7%
Adams	1,901	2,076	2,140	1,871	2,033	2,060	30	43	80	1.6%	2.1%	3.7%
Billings	751	1,081	1,066	739	1,064	1,032	12	17	34	1.6%	1.6%	3.2%
Bowman	2,253	2,529	2,557	2,198	2,467	2,388	55	62	169	2.4%	2.5%	6.6%
Dunn	2,027	2,285	2,296	1,881	2,127	2,150	146	158	146	7.2%	6.9%	6.4%
Gldn Valley	1,169	1,250	1,098	1,143	1,216	1,053	26	34	45	2.2%	2.7%	4.1%
Hettinger	2,090	2,380	2,399	2,048	2,318	2,290	42	62	109	2.0%	2.6%	4.5%
Slope	628	701	577	583	672	525	45	29	52	7.2%	4.1%	9.0%
Stark	11,500	12,181	13,077	11,003	11,679	11,904	497	502	1,173	4.3%	4.1%	9.0%
REGION 8	22,319	24,483	25,210	21,466	23,576	23,402	853	907	1,808	3.8%	3.7%	7.2%
STATE TOTAL	329,868	345,209	341,049	318,615	332,250	324,808	11,253	12,959	16,241	3.4%	3.8%	4.8%

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Percent Change From			
	September 1987	August 1987	September 1986	August 1987 September 1986
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)	=====	=====	=====	=====
Labor Force	121,604	122,038	120,163	-0.4% 1.2%
Employment	114,515	114,817	111,941	-0.3% 2.3%
Unemployment	7,089	7,221	8,222	-1.8% -13.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.9%	6.8%	xxx xxx
NORTH DAKOTA				
Labor Force	329,870	345,210	341,050	-4.4% -3.3%
Employment	318,620	332,250	324,810	-4.1% -1.9%
Unemployment	11,250	12,960	16,240	-13.2% -30.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.8%	4.8%	xxx xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA				
Labor Force	82,360	82,850	79,420	-0.6% 3.7%
Employment	80,140	80,390	77,010	-0.3% 4.1%
Unemployment	2,220	2,460	2,410	-9.8% -7.9%
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%	xxx xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA				
Labor Force	34,750	35,040	33,060	-0.8% 5.1%
Employment	33,830	33,630	32,200	0.6% 5.1%
Unemployment	920	1,410	860	-34.8% 7.0%
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	4.0%	2.6%	xxx xxx
BISMARCK MSA				
Labor Force	43,810	45,440	45,870	-3.6% -4.5%
Employment	42,290	43,950	43,430	-3.8% -2.6%
Unemployment	1,520	1,490	2,440	2.0% -37.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.3%	5.3%	xxx xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

AUGUST 1987
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	345.3	356.9	2,261.1	401.1
Employment	332.3	343.5	2,157.5	378.0
Unemployment	13.0	13.4	103.6	23.1
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.8%	4.6%	5.8%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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119 E Main

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